

Collaborating on Urban living for elderly with UTM Malaysia

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GDRCs Prof Dilanthi Amaratunga is the international expert of the research initiative to explore possibilities of good ageing in place for elderly population in Malaysia particularly in the urban area with the focus only on laded property, a one-year project funded by the National Real Estate Research Coordinator (NAPREC) grant scheme coordinated by the Ministry of Finance Malaysia.

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There is increasing evidence state that population ageing is a pervasive and unparalleled global phenomenon which presents many challenges towards social and economic growth. This is especially the case in urban areas of Malaysia. Malaysian government has been more aware of the growing needs of seniors and has been actively trying to address them through initiatives such as the Economic Transformation Programme, the National Policy for Older Persons, and the delay of the minimum retirement age to 60 years. In supporting these government initiatives, this research is significant as it contributes to the limited information that is available on the current challenges faced by urban elderly in Malaysia.

The outcome of research will be used as the foundation to further develop a comprehensive guideline that could enhance the standards of living for senior citizens in Malaysia through the provision of better support services and facilities, as well as the creation of sustainable environment that age-friendly and safe.

Proof of the study report will be evaluated by the experts in the field along with the related government agencies who are promoting the ageing in place in Malaysia and the linked Ministry in Malaysia will adopt the proposed guidelines in preparing the ageing in place guideline policy in Malaysia.

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